

GROUND FISH ADVISORY SUBPANEL REPORT ON
INCIDENTAL CATCH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE SALMON TROLL AND FIXED
GEAR SABLEFISH FISHERIES

The Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP) chose not to make a recommendation for options to be considered for the salmon troll fishery in 2014. We felt that this was best handled by the Salmon Advisory Subpanel (SAS) since the troll allocation of halibut per the catch-sharing plan is already set numerically.

Regarding the fixed gear sablefish fishery, the 2014 allowance is 14,274 pounds per the catch-sharing plan. That amount is greater than the actual 2013 incidental catch of 12,000 lbs. Therefore we recommend that for 2014 the Council adopt the 2013 restrictions for the commercial sablefish fishery north of Point Chehalis. Specifically, we recommend 2 halibut + 75 lbs. per 1,000 lbs. of sablefish.

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